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SUBJ: PRESIDENT SENGHOR COMMENTS ON COMMUNIST THREATS IN
ITALY AND PORTUGAL AND ON POLITICAL LIBERALIZATION
AT HOME.

1. SUMMARY: PRESIDENT SENGHOR, WHO IS KEEPING IN TOUCH
WITH SOARES AND COSTA GOMES, SAYS PORTUGUESE "OUT OF THE
WOODS" ON COMMUNIST MENACE, BUT BELIEVES GOVERNMENT OF
NATIONAL UNION MAY BE NECESSARY TO AVERT THREAT OF
COMMUNIST ITALY. HE WILL INVITE ITALIAN COMMUNISTS TO
VISIT DAKAR IN 1976, FOLLOWED BY SOCIAL DEMOCRATS.
INTERNALLY, SENGHOR INDICATES HE IS WORKING TOWARD GENERAL
AMNESTY OF ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS, EXCEPT INTER-
NATIONAL COMMUNISTS. SENGHOR AGAIN ANTICIPATED POSSIBLE
EMERGENCE OF MARXIST-LENINIST THIRD PARTY IN SENEGAL. END
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2. IN DEC. 15 MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR, PRESIDENT SENGHOR WARNED OF SOVIET MENACE IN ANGOLA AND ELSEWHERE IN AFRICA (BEING REPORTED SEPTTEL) AND DISCUSSED COMMUNIST PROSPECTS IN PORTUGAL AND ITALY, AS WELL AS INTERNAL SENEGALESE POLICIES TOWARD MARXIST FACTIONS.

3. ON WORLD COMMUNIST PROBLEMS, SENGHOR SAID HE KEPT IN TOUCH WITH MARIO SOARES AND COSTS GOMES IN PORTUGAL AND ALSO WITH ITALIAN COMMUNISTS. HE FELT PORTUGUESE WERE "OUT OF THE WOODS" ON COMMUNIST MENACE, BUT ITALIANS STILL HAD TO FACE REAL TEST. HE WOULD INVITE ITALIAN COMMUNIST LEADERS TO VISIT DAKAR IN 1976 AND THEN INVITE SOCIAL DEMOCRATS, LATTER HE SAW AS BEING IN BAD SHAPE. HE FELT COMMUNISTS MIGHT WIN A FREE ELECTION IN ITALY DUE TO INEFFICACY OF OTHER PARTIES. THEREFORE, HISTORIC AND CLASSIC COMPROMISE OF GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNION WOULD NEED TO BE ADOPTED TO AVERT THREAT OF COMMUNIST ITALY.

4. SENGHOR SAID GREATEST THREAT TO DEVELOPING WORLD IS INTERNATIONAL COMMUNISM. HE DID NOT FEAR DOMESTIC AND NATIONALIST COMMUNISTS ANYMORE IN SENEGAL THAN HE DID IN ASIA. IN FACT, HE WAS WORKING TOWARDS GENEGAL AMNESTY OF ALL PRISONERS FOUND GUILTY OF POLITICAL CRIMES, EXCEPT INTERNATIONAL COMMUNISTS. THIS WOULD INCLUDE MAHJEMOUT DIOP, FORMER LEADER OF PAI (COMMUNIST-BACKED PARTI AFRICAINE DE L'INDEPENDENCE, BANNED SINCE 1960), NOW IN EXILE IN MALI, WHO HAD WRITTEN SENGHOR AND ACKNOWLEDGED ERROR OF HIS WAYS. HE WOULD BE ALLOWED TO RETURN TO SENEGAL AND WE MIGHT SEE EMERGENCE OF MARXIST-LENINIST THIRD PARTY IN SENEGAL. SENGHOR SAID LEFTISTS OUT IN THE OPEN WERE FAR LESS EFFECTIVE THAN THOSE WHO DREW STRENGTH FROM AURA OF CLANDESTINE OPERATION.

5. EMBASSY COMMENT: THERE HAS BEEN INCREASING SPECULATION (DAKAR A-125) THAT NATIONALIST MARXIST-LENINIST FRONT MIGHT BE ESTABLISHED TO ROUND OUT LEGAL POLITICAL SPECTRUM CURRENTLY LIMITED TO GOVERNING UPS AND YEAR-OLD PDS OPPOSITION PARTY. SENGHOR TOLD VISITING US CONGRESSMEN THREE WEEKS AGO THAT THERE WAS ROOM FOR SUCH PARTY BUT COMMUNISTS SEEMED TO PREFER CLANDESTINITY (DAKAR 6709).
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HOWEVER, ALTHOUGH GOVERNMENT-DIRECTED LE SOLEIL HAS BEEN SILENT, THERE HAVE BEEN RECENT PUBLISHED REPORTS THAT PAI, IN RESPONSE TO SENGHOR'S RECENT STATEMENTS, HAD NOW REQUESTED TO BE AUTHORIZED TO FUNCTION OPENLY AS POLITICAL PARTY.
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